

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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4 A conference bridge adapter for processing data carried on
5 a media path between, on the one hand, a conference bridge
6 operative to communicate composite packets carrying media
7 information and auxiliary information pertaining to the
8 media information and, on the other hand, an endpoint
9 characterized by an inability to exchange composite packets
10 with the conference bridge. In one direction, a stream of
11 composite packets is received from the bridge. An output
12 media stream without auxiliary information is generated
13 from the media information in each received composite
14 packet. In the opposite direction, a stream of packets
15 carrying only media information is received from the
16 endpoint. Auxiliary information is derived from the media
17 information and a stream of composite packets is generated
18 by combining the media information and the auxiliary
19 information. Thus, a media conference can be established
20 between seemingly incompatible network elements.

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